

## Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Dec. 3, 1885.

Sir:

I have put the locks on the upper vault at the Post Office in condition for use, and find them in first rate order. The combinations are recorded and safely secured. I have locked the upper vault outside door.

There is no prospect of securing the custody of the room before the 12th of the month. I beg you to excuse me for again urging the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize you to

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with the Treasury of the U.S.,

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the Coiner's working vault, greatly  
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and as much more as may  
be coined before you take the sole  
custody of the P.D. vaults. The  
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some relief be found in the matter  
of storage at once, you will  
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of Silver altogether.

Pardon the earnestness of this.  
We cannot do business without facilities,  
and ~~more~~ in charge of treasure  
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— many risks.

Very Respectfully

W. H. Cobb  
—Hon. Mr. Fox  
Superintendent

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Sir:

I have put the locks on the upper vault at the Post Office in condition for use, and find them in first rate order. The combinations are recorded and safely received. I have locked the upper vault outside door.

There is no prospect of securing the custody of the room before the 12th of the month. I beg you to excuse me for again urging the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize you to deposit with the Treasurer of the U.S. the coin now stored in the Coiner's working vault, greatly to the discommoding of that officer, and as much more as may be coined before you take sole custody of the P.O. vaults. The so-called "profits on Silver Coinage" now exceed a million. Why can not the Department ease our vaults for the time, and in that way somewhat modify the embarrassment under which you conduct business? It really comes to this – that unless some relief be found in the matter of storage at once, you will have to suspend the coinage of Silver altogether.

Pardon the earnestness of this. We cannot do business without facilities, and none in charge of treasurer ought to be compelled to take unnecessary risks.

Very Respectfully,  
M.H. Cobb  
Cash.

Hon. D.M. Fox  
Superintendent